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January 4 - 1918

To the President of General Council,

Feeling sure that Miss Dunlap's knowledge of Hand book matters and her official position as Chairman of the Publication Committee of our Board would be of far more service to General Council's Committee on Hand book than mine could possibly be. I most cordially present my resignation in this formal manner so that Miss Dunlap may take my place in the formal meeting called for Tuesday Jan 15 at 10 A. M.

Yours Truly

Eva C. Waid

Have copies for meeting

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

126 Claremont Ave., New York.
Jan. 5th. 1918.

Mrs. F.S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

The correlated rules for Secretaries and Standing Committees were sent from the office and should have reached you the day after Christmas.

The minutes of the meetings of General Council and the correlation of the Rules for Secretaries and Standing Committees (June 19-20) have been accepted by the Boards. As you know, I had not the minutes of these meetings at hand in preparing this approved revision. The correlation recently made with the minutes before me seems to me so much more satisfactory than that accepted by the Boards that I would like permission to substitute it for that revision. Perhaps, if you compare this last correlation with the minutes (June, 1917) pages, 9, 10, 16, 23, and; for Over Sea and Land, the minutes of Jan. 1917, you will agree with me. If you do, I shall be very glad to act on any suggestions with regard to them. If, on the other hand, you feel that the correlation prepared last June, with 6 ommitted and the slight changes you suggested, are sufficient, I am willing to abide by your decision.

It is not too late, I am sure, to wish you a happy New Year.

Yours very cordially,

(Mrs. H. E.) Alma O. Waters.

January 7, 1918.

Mrs. D. E. Waid,
1 Lexington Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Waid,

Your letter of January 4 asking to be released from the special committee on Hand Book and suggesting that Miss Quinlan take your place is at hand. It seems to me unfortunate to make changes in the personnel of this committee as you have been on it from the beginning and I would suggest that you agree to stay on the committee and that I ask Mrs. Coy if she will allow Miss Quinlan to be on it also as she is the Chairman of our committee. As there are two from the Foreign Board, it seems to be desirable that there should be also two from the Home Board.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LLH.

January 8, 1918.

Mrs. W. R. Waters,
126 Claremont Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

I am sorry that I did not write you concerning the Revised Rules at an earlier date but work has been so pressing that a good many things have had to wait and this was one that really took some thought. I have tried to make a comparison of the various lists and think that I have gone over them all but there are really so many different sets that it is somewhat complicated. I like your new adjustment on the whole very much better as it seems to me the material is presented in a more logical form. I am returning to you the copy that you sent in order that I may more easily explain the few suggestions. On page 1 No. 2, you will note that I have suggested a new phraseology for the last clause. I have never liked that and am wondering whether the one I have suggested is any improvement. In 3, I am suggesting that you incorporate No. 6 as it seems to me that it belongs there where I have made a cross. In No. 4 would it not do to begin with "she"? Then I am suggesting the word "send" in the place of "submit" and "ask" in the place of "secure" as she cannot always require an answer. Should the last sentence follow the phrase,"also their definite order for the number of copies desired"?

On page 2 I have only made the same suggestions as I did on page 1.

The suggestions on page 3 are easily understood, I think.

On page 4, after the words, "ex officio", should it not say that it is without vote as it does say this of all our other "ex officio" people? In No. 2, should not the clause that I have suggested be inserted? Under 5, at the bottom of the page, there seems a little confusion. Should the second sentence read: "The committee shall the minutes, reports of Student Secretaries and other official communications to the President and Student Secretary of each Board"? Should the last line be there? I have not seemed to find it and would that not be considered "an official communication"?

On page 5, 6 (a), I have suggested a transposition of the last sentence as a clause of the first.

On page 6 (f), I think we have left that not clear and it would be well to clear it up now. Does the annual report refer to the General Student Committee? If so, could we place it above by saying:"She shall make quarterly reports and a written annual report to the Student Committee"? It seems to me a little vague as to when it is a committee of her Board and when it is a general committee.

Mrs. W. E. Waters. January 8, 1918.

I am writing this in considerable haste as I have but a few minutes to dictate but may I say that I think it would be most desirable to have these typewritten and ready for the meeting of General Council in order that they perhaps may be read over and compared there, so that if there are changes to be made, we can do it when we are all together. I shall be delighted to have you bring this matter up at that meeting.

With very great appreciation of all the work you have done in this matter, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

EKB/LEH.
Encl.

January 9, 1918.

Mrs. L. M. Coy,
509 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Coy,

I understand that you have called a meeting of the committee on Hand Book for the morning of Tuesday, January 15. As this was referred to the Committee on Literature and Publications of the Woman's Board, Miss Quinlan being Chairman, I am wondering if you would be willing to have Miss Quinlan sit with your committee on that date. I am only suggesting this because I believe it will help to put the thing through by having one present who was on the committee that suggested changes; Mrs. Waid was not on that committee.

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LEH.

Signed in Mrs. Bennett's absence
to expedite delivery.

January 12, 1918.

Miss Florence Quinlan,
716 Warburton Avenue,
Yonkers, New York.

My dear Miss Quinlan,

I am just forwarding to Mrs. Lee the material received from the California Synodical Society concerning blanks. I have told Mrs. Lee that it seems necessary to read this material at the meeting of General Council, after which it can be referred back to the committee on blanks, with or without recommendation. There seems to be the germ of a good idea in this, if it can be worked out satisfactorily.

Believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

MKB/LEH.

January 12, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I have just received from Miss Quinlan the enclosed material referring to blanks. I have a copy of this, so the enclosures need not be returned to me. As the communication from California is addressed to General Council, I should say this will need to go on the Docket and be read at the meeting; by that body it can be referred back to the committee on blanks, either with or without a recommendation, as may seem best. It is interesting to note that everybody is getting busy on the question of blanks and their simplification. While I have only gone over this material hastily, it does sound possible.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

Encl.
MKB/LEH.

January 24, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I suppose the enclosed bill for the room at the Martha Washington Hotel should go to you as disburser of funds of General Council. I know you have not the money on hand now but it will reach you shortly from the Woman's Board of Home Missions. I am simply sending this now to get it off my mind. It was too bad we had to pay for a room; the action of Dr. Garfield made it imperative.

I will not take up with you any business at this time as I have not looked at my papers since I came home; frankly, I am not keen about looking at them for I feel that I have seen enough of them for a few days. I am sorry that you have to tackle them and get them into shape.

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

Bill for $10. =

General Council
OF THE
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January 28. 1918.

My dear Mrs. Bennett-

The bill and receipt for our room at the Martha Washington Hotel have been received. Just as soon as possible the amount will be refunded to you but just now our Treasury is very low.

Your disinclination to take up General Council papers is due, I feel sure, to your being very, very tired. If you could have foreseen how great a strain the Woman's Council for Home Missions was going to be on you, we could have planned for General Council a week or two later. However, it is over now, and I only hope you are finding a little respite from work.

I have been thinking a great deal about the Student Volunteer Program and the problems that have very unfortunately come up in connection with it. I fondly hope you have been able to start things going that will bring about the desired end & Home Missions being made either a part of the program or a secondary propaganda accepted and arranged to be carried on simultaneously with the Student Volunteer Campaign.

I feel sure there will be found a plan that can be made agreeable for all concerned. It did seem strange that first as the Student Committee was beginning to feel some definiteness in its work, this plan should come along to disturb the Committee's equilibrium. However, I am not discouraged and do am confident that the new Program will become all-embracing.

We are to have an Executive Committee meeting on Thursday and Friday in New York. Thursday afternoon we meet with the Executive Council of Assembly's Foreign Board. I shall try to take with me a copy of General Council Minutes for you. They are ready for the stenographer, but I shall have only two copies made at this time so that the final draft may be made without any mistakes or corrections.

With sincerest wishes,

Yours very cordially.

(Mrs. John Harvey). Elizabeth Park Lee.

February 8, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

In thinking over the matter of the Year Book of Prayer for 1919, I think we decided at the other meeting that no action needed to be taken until the June meeting of General Council. That is why it was left. I could not recall it then but I did remember after reaching home.

As I recall it, the only committee that I was to appoint was the one relative to bringing in a plan for financing and distributing joint publications. I will name for the two Home members Miss Quinlan and Miss Hyatt and for the Foreign members Mrs. Waters of the New York Board and yourself as member of the Philadelphia Board and ask Mrs. Waters to act as Chairman of the group. I am extremely sorry to name you for I know that you are heavily burdened already but I do feel that at least two Foreign Boards should be represented on the committee and I feel that you are the logical person and one who understands the situation.

If I have forgotten and there are other committees that need my attention, if you will let me know, I will attend to them.

It was a rather tiring meeting Wednesday but I think we are coming out of it pretty well after all and I do not feel that this last series of meetings of General Council left nearly as much to be followed up as have other meetings. I really think it is becoming the thing for which it was begun — a real clearing house.

Believe me that I am with love

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

General Council
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Feb. 10. 1918 - 10:15 P.M.

My dear Mrs. Bennett.

May I humble yr to read the enclosed Minutes befr they go out to the Boards? I am sending yr my rough copy to save time and hope yr will not have great difficulty in ready it.

I sent the following Night Letter to the four Mslm Boards and have replies from all.-

"Owing to present world conditions and rapidly increasing demands on Home and Foreign Boards, General Council recommends action of last June be rescinded that all Boards this year ask ten percent increase in gifts. Recommend misled Boards make their own plans to meet this years needs. Please wire reply."

I will present the matter to an Executive Committee on Tuesday and shall hope to hear from our two New York Boards about that time.

Can yr give me the names of the Committee on Financing & Distributing Joint Publications? I wished so much to know your idea about the additional budget & Student Committee but yr will

so perfectly fair and impartial that we could not for a moment guess your personal opinion in the matter. It will not be an easy question for the Boards to decide.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely.

Elizabeth Park Lee.

(Mrs. John Harvey)
6135 Greene Street.
Germantown. Pa.

February 13, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

Being laid up with anattack of conjunctivitis, I have only been able to go over the minutes rather casually but am sure they are alright.

I had already sent you the names of those to serve on the Committee on Financing and Distributing Joint Publications.

We have a special meeting of the Board tomorrow and at that time the matter of the percent of increase of gifts for 1918-1919 will be presented to the Board. I shall be sorry not to be there when it comes up. No other items connected with the meeting of General Council will be taken up at that time as it seems to me wiser to wait until the minutes have been received and we can formally act upon them altogether.

So far as the advanced budget for the Student Committee was concerned, I feel that if a big forward movement can be made for the causes represented by that committee, it is quite justifiable. I do, however, feel that the committee must be kept to a standard. This last year, by their request, our only Secretary was released from much travel and the colleges left without visitation. In spite of that fact, they come with an increased budget for three Secretaries and much travel. I think it may settle itself by the fact that it may not be possible to secure the girls to do this work. Could I be assured of the accomplishment of the budget desired, no-one would more heartily urge the increased budget than I but I do want to be assured that a big work is not only going to be planned but is going to be put through.I would not have this seem like a reflection upon the work of the past but I know that last June all felt that the Boards were being generous in putting through the plan that was presented: that the Secretary stay in New York and that the money that might be expended be used for a conference of Secretaries. When one realizes how difficult it would have been to have accomplished this for the other departments of the Board, one does realize that Student Committee is most generously dealt with. Travel is going to be so hard this coming year that I am not at all sure how much Student Secretaries can do. As I think of the matter, I feel that it will not be justifiable to keep them in New York and send them out from there but I feel that each should take a section of the country and remain there. The program should be so well set up that it will not be necessary for them to come back to the office.

I trust that the trip back to Philadelphia was not as hard as the one coming over. I have wanted so much to ask you about Dr. Lee's plans but the occasion never seems to come.

(over)

Believe me, with affection,

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

General Council
OF THE
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February 21, 1918.
501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

To the Members of General Council.

My dear Friends:

The question of rescinding the action of last June that the Boards this year ask for ten per cent increase has been approved, five Foreign Boards, and the Home Board, voting to rescind the action thus allowing all Boards to make their own plans for this year - 1918-19.

By action of General Council that Mrs. Twitchell and I write an explanation to the Boards concerning the additional Student Committee Budget, I should like to include in this letter a statement presented by Mrs. Twitchell, Chairman of Student Committee, as follows:

On account of the intensive drive for Missions to be made in the colleges this coming year by the Student Volunteer Movement, Y.M.C.A., and Y.W.C.A., General Council felt that an unusual opportunity was offered the Woman's Boards through their Student Committee to direct the wave of Missionary enthusiasm into the channels of the Church.

To adequately accomplish this, it probably would be necessary to send a third Field Secretary, on part time, into the colleges and possibly special Missionary speakers representing our denominational work,- all this to be a tentative plan providing only for the unusual demand of the year June 1918 to June 1919.

It is the sense of General Council that at a time when students are, as never before, open to the Missionary appeal, we should not fail to present to them the opportunity to express that enthusiasm in definite service.

We feel sure that the Boards will desire to sanction this advance step and invite further correspondence if questions arise in your minds.

There seem to be a number of recommendations in the Minutes of General Council that await the approval of the Boards, before any plans can be made, perhaps the one of greatest urgency being that for the additional Budget of Student Committee. If possible, we would be pleased to receive reports of Board actions before March 14th.

Word has been received by the acting Secretary for Publications that the Woman's Board of Home Missions is entirely out of the Standard of Excellence for Synodical Societies. Does your Board desire to place an order for this publication now, and if so, how large ? How soon will you need supplies of the other Standards and how many of each do you wish to order ?

Yours very sincerely,

Elizabeth Park See

(Mrs. John Harvey)

Secretary.

File with 1. C.

104 South Elliott Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.
February 23, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

If you have a statement of the Student program as set forth at the Northfield Conference, will you bring it to me Tuesday? May I have a word with you about it likewise? I wrote an article for the Bulletin, in which I quoted the program as given me at the Student Volunteer rooms. Miss Allis took it as my wording, did not like it and has substituted therefor a wording they had in their offices. Since the question has been raised, I feel we should send out what General Council will stand back of. I want to know what goes over my name. I am asking Miss Allis to hold the proof for a day or two if it comes back to her in the meantime. I only fear Mis Allis may be confused over this matter as I am quite sure she is over another which I want to take up with you sometime, if I may.

I am truly not bringing you all the problems that have arisen. We have had had several in the last few weeks but they are straightening out. There is one principle that I cannot attempt to rule on. As Guild matters now go to the Secretary of General Council for the docket and reach the Boards in that way, am I supposed to send the items separately to the Board Guild secretaries? I did not think I was to do so and did not before the January meeting, thereby causing displeasure to one Board W.G. secretary. I have promised to send in future if that is the plan adopted. I had understood that one of the changes in method, as the W.Guild came under General Council, was that it should follow more the lines of the general work and not be so isolated a branch: am I correct?

I have heard that you did not like the last number of the Bulletin so I have tried to profit by what I gathered was your most important criticism. I should like to have had the March number benefitted by your advice.

Is it idle speculation or is there some reason why Student work has a committee for its management and Westminster Guild work has only one person to bear the responsibility? Perhaps it would complicate matters more than it would simplify them but I have been wondering lately if a committee would have power to settle some those items so small that it seemed a pity to take the time of twelve busy women, sitting in General Council for supposedly important matters of joint concern, to talk over. Right now enrollment cards are being distributed in as many ways as there are Boards and each Board complaining of the way not followed by it. If somebody could just send out word, without so much discussion, " this method shall be followed by all Boards" much time and trouble would be saved. Do you understand that the Executive Committee of Central Committee has power to act? If it has, would I have power to refer matters directly to them, matters of concern to the Foreign side, of course? The Home side is comparatively simple as proved out last November when you sent out the emergency call to each side for action.

Very sincerely yours,

E. Jessie Ogg.

Secretary for Westminster Guild of General Council.

Answering the accompanying letter in person on February 26, '18, I said that in answer to the first question as to the wording of the statement concerning Student program in W. G. Bulletin, it seemed to me best to use the phraseology that is being put out by the Student Volunteer Movement, the Y. M. C. A., and the Y. W. C. A. on the general pamphlet.

In answer to the second question, it had seemed to me that the Westminster Guild secretary of General Council should not send to the Board Guild secretaries items of General Council business. These should go to Board secretaries through the regular channels of their Board work. Of course, General Council would need to rule to make an exception.

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501 WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA

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TREASURER
MISS ANNA VLACHOS

Feb. 24. 1918.

Mrs. J. A. Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett-

Mrs. Patten has written to you something about the Columbus meetings, so there is little for me to say. and whatever I may say is unofficial, but is only what I have found is in the minds of many of our women.

We can easily understand the position the Woman's Board of Home Missions finds itself in, confronting a most critical year, and having to give up its Biennial - Many in especially the same situation and feel that we must have a day for conference with our constituents.

that will be strictly a Philadelphia Board day, and separate from m Central Committee day. It will amount to two Foreign Mission days, which I fancy is quite similar to what yon have in mind. I am sure there will be no conflict whatever with yon Board and shall hope that out of yon efforts and mine will come a year of great results.

We should guard each others days however - but I fancy yon will must come of the days you have been accustomed to use heretofore and probably the Foreign Boards will cling to their Monday & Tuesday, for they have used both days heretofore. As I say this is unofficial but I thought it might be something for yon to turn what is in the minds of some of us, but I will let yon know as soon

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as possible, our real decision-
I have written to all Central Committee members - sent Night Letters to the Pacific Coast Boards - about our own meeting, so will soon have definite answers from Central Committee members.

I wish mightily I might have Miss Boyle, Sec. for Publications from Board, and a co-opted member of Miss Quinlan's Blank Committee go over to New York to meet with Miss Quinlan sometime. Miss Boyle is in Philadelphia now for several weeks and she knows so much more about blanks than I do - Is this a G.C. matter?

Regarding Mrs. Darby's proposal - I should say it ought to be a Presbyterian House I am sure we need it and will find

it much easier controlled as such.
Would yn please return Mr. Darby's
letter to Miss Sedge, that I sent to yn?
It is the only thing I have from Mr.
Darby.

I hope the Conjunctivitis is entirely a thing of the past and that the
enforced rest (?) which yn may have
had has benefitted you very much.

Yours very sincerely,
Elizabeth Parke Lee.
(Mrs. John Henry).

Mr. Lee would like to send yn his
latest Honor Roll - 58 names - and two
more to go on tomorrow - so I'll send it.

February 28, 1918.

Mrs. John H. Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I have turned over to Mrs. Webb, the chairman of our committee on the meetings at Columbus, the reference in your letter to the meetings in that city next May and she will, I think, take it up with you, as chairman of Central Committee. In view of the fact that we are obliged to give up our Biennials this year, I know we all feel that we want to make the very most possible of Columbus. I do, however, feel that we shall have very few delegates there as the fery causes that have operated to make it unwise to hold the other meetings will operate to keep the women away. I have been interested to have had a number of requests from active workers among the women, suggesting that it would be desirable for the Boards to send out a request that Synodicals and Presbyterials should not be held but that the funds thus saved should be turned in to the Boards. We have not taken any action, however, upon such requests.

I am most sure that Miss Quinlan would be more than glad to have Miss Boyle come over and take up with her the matter of blanks. This is definitely a General Council matter. There have been an unusual number of requests the last two months for simplified blanks and it has been at least some consolation to be able to say to the writers that a committee is studying the problem. We must achieve something that will meet the real demands of the Societies for it is becoming more and more general.

Our Board acted upon General Council minutes last Tuesday and you will receive the report from our Secretary promptly. I had to leave the minutes in the office and have not received them so if there was anything that needed my personal attention, I shall have to wait until they are returned to me.

I am enclosing the letter from Mrs. Darby. I have not yet heard from Mrs. Darby in reply to my letter asking for further information. So soon as I do, I will send this out as an ad-interim item of General Council business.

Please don't think that a small thing like conjunctivitis brings rest. I worked hectically right straight along through it all, and am even now wishing that I could compress the things I am trying to do

Mrs. J. H. Lee. Feb. 28, 1918.

into a smaller number of hours for I have just had the opportunity of becoming a member of a national committee doing some very valuable War work and I feel that I shall have to say no unless I can see my way clear to get more time.

Thank you very much for letting me see the Honor Roll of your church. Such a number going out surely makes a great break in your ranks and makes it that much harder for those who remain to keep things steady.

Believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

Encl. 1.
MKB:LLH.

General Council
OF THE
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March 1, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I am wondering if it would be possible for me to have a copy of that part of the Minutes of the meeting of General Council which relates to Westminster Guild work, as I suppose I do not have a full copy of them. I think you know that I would not use them to go ahead of the regular plan for action but it would be such a help in planning my work to have before me the matters that are likely to need attention. I presume it will be nearly April before the actions come back to Boards and since I am to be away two weeks of that month I am trying to look ahead a little now.

I am more and more distressed as I see how unsatisfactory is the routine method of Guild work. It seems very strange that after all these years of the organization each Board is apparently doing so nearly as it pleases. I hate to hand the work over to my successor in such a state and am therefore wondering if it would be at all in order to draw up a set of regulations for the regular conduct of the work and to send these to the June meeting of General Council. Either clear, uniform regulations have never been sent to the Boards or they are all hopeless violators, which latter I hate to believe. It seems as if our time and thought ought to be spent on larger, more constructive plans for our young women, plans which would yield larger results both to the Boards and to the girls themselves. How about it ?

There were a few errors in the Minutes, in the copy you received. I hope you received the corrections I left at the office for you.

What are we going to do about Over Sea and Land? I agree with our Board vote but believe we ought to have some constructive policy to offer. As you know, the annual meeting of the committee comes on March 14th. The Foreign Board members who apparently approve of an additional appropriation will look to our Board representatives to offer some alternative. It seems to me we must be prepared to say we are willing to see the magazine given up, recommending in its place some other one now in existence, or else be able to point out a more economical way of publishing the same. We have discussed in the past the possibility of pushing EVERYLAND as our children's magazine, with what success you know. One other possibility occurs to me—— that the chairman become responsible for the conduct of the magazine, asking all Boards to contribute material, and thus save the editor's salary. Is that out of the question? Personally I am not looking for work and know I cannot do one bit more than I am doimg now, if that much even, but it has occurred to me that OVER SEA AND LAND is no larger a proposition than the WESTMINSTER GUILD BULLETIN. It appears more frequently to be sure but has not so much material in one number. I wish our Board might bring some measure from the meeting of March 12th. to the Committee on the 14th. If you are going to be at the Board rooms on Tuesday, might I see you some time- any hour you suggest, noon, late afternoon or in fact any minute you say.

I feel guilty to roll these matters on you and yet there is noone else with whom I can or care to consult. If you will be so big, you have to take the consequences!

With much love,

Yours faithfully,

E. Jessie Ogg

"Johnny" is a dear! I had such a good time Tuesday night. J.

March 6, 1918.

Miss E. Jessie Ogg,
104 South Elliot Pl.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Ogg,

My copy of the minutes of General Council is in New York but when it returns, I will see that you have a copy of that part that relates to Westminster Guild work. I think you will need this; in fact, I think I will bring up the question as to whether it is not desirable that the secretaries and chairmen of committees associated with General Council, have copies. Mrs. Lee has asked that the Boards get their action back to her on March 14 but of course I do not know whether it will be able to do this.

I did not realize that Westminster Guild work was still in a chaotic condition and I think you could do no better service to the Guild or to the Boards than if you would be willing to outline a set of regulations that might be accepted by General Council. I think many of those in attendance there have felt, as have I, that all of this had been cleared up a long time ago. ANything that you can do will be, I know, most helpful.

I shall be very interested to know what recommendation the committee on Over Sea and Land will be able to evolve to bring to the Board on next Tuesday. The more I think of your suggestion for volunteer editors, the more I like it. As I said to you over the phone yesterday, it would seem to me that Mrs. White should be by this time able to adjust the detail matters that are on the covers which take a certain amount of time to attend to. It might be possible to increase her salary two or three hundred dollars a year on the agreement that she would be able to do this or her salary might be left and she might be given a more competent assistant which perhaps would be the better way out of it. Then we might be able to get volunteer people to do the twelve numbers, one who would take the wix Home and one who would take the six Foreign. That would cut down quite a good deal or if this could not been done voluntarily, it might be done by someone who would take, say $100 for doing it, someone who would be glad to do the work but would not feel that she could absolutely give her time. I am not at all sure that you have not struck a solution of the whole matter.

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

March 11, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I have been wondering whether the chairmen of Standing Committees and Special Secretaries of General Council should not receive copies of the minutes. This came to my attention because Miss Ogg borrowed my copy in order to have the accurate statement as to her duties. As these people sit with us in our meetings, it would seem to me that no harm could be done and much good gained if hhey had these. If this is to be done, do you think that we need any special action relative to it or could you simply do it with your approval and mine? ——— if you do approve.

Cordially yours,

MKB/LEH.

G. C.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

March 15, 1918.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs.Bennett:

Thank you for your letter of March 13th regarding the Westminster Guild. The first item IV (c) is quite as I understood it, that the members voted that on all joint literature the imprint of General Council should appear, and on the helps prepared for either interest the name of that Board should appear in addition. That is the way I understood the members to desire the arrangement. I see your point and that would make quite another set up. If this arrangement does not seem satisfactory, might it not be corrected at the June meeting?

As to items 7 and 8 they surely are contradictory. If these two should stand, the Secretary for Westminster Guild would not know whether she was to consult with the Secretary for Publications or with the two committees mentioned. If you recall, that last one (8) was brought in at the meeting itself the last thing in the afternoon, and I presume no one noticed its relation to what had preceded. Will you ponder on which method you think will be for the simplicity of the organization? It seems to me if 8 remains, 7 might be eliminated completely, though for some matters the ruling of 7, is a more direct method.

At the annual meeting of OVER SEE AND LAND Committee yesterday we spent several hours in the discussion of some method to improve the character of the magazine in order to obtain larger circulation and as to ways of reducing expense. I cannot see that we arrived at any very definite conclusion for reduction of expense. If the circulation is increased, however, there would be a larger income. We did decide to use a larger type, reducing thus the amount of material but making the magazine more readable for children. We are getting estimates on this changed form and also finding out what would be the difference of cost in using the same plate for cover each month. There seemed to be a feeling on the part of some members of the Home representatives that if the deficit occurred, our Board would simply have to meet it. I suppose that is true, but personally

I would not be willing to act as Chairman of the committee going into this situation with our eyes open. One suggestion presented to a member of our committee was to the effect that the Home Board might be willing to pay the office rent since the magazine has a circulation in the Sunday Schools. I am not well enough informed as to the financial arrangements regarding the Home Board renting of rooms, but if it means that that Board would need to pay the rent in place of the Woman's Board, I could not feel that we should ask this favor of the Board for the magazine for which we are responsible. This suggestion was given me to take up. Of course, I wished to consult with you about it as would the other members of our own committee. That method would, of course, make it possible for the Board to put the amount formerly paid for rent into the additional appropriation asked by the Over Sea and Land Committee. I feel rather hopeful that the new type and larger advertisement of the magazine may help meet the expense without radically changing the character of the magazine which seemed to be very much against the feelings of both the editor and the Foreign members of the committee.

I shall not be at the meeting next Tuesday, but hope to be on hand the following week.

Very sincerely yours,

E. Jessie Ogg.

In reply to attached letter from Miss Ogg of March 18, I told her personally that I thought the matter referred to in (1) below should be taken up by the Westminster Guild Committee before going to the Board. If it should later need to be taken up there, this could be done.

In regard to (2), I would understand that the 10% advance would be reckoned not on total 10% gifts but that each Board would reckon 10% on the gifts that it received from the Guild.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

March 16, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

This morning Mrs. Schell phoned me to make an appointment for a conference on W. Guild matters. Because of my absence from town next week we had to set Tues. the 26th after our Board meeting as the time. Mrs. Schell gave me one or two of the matters for consideration. The financial one needs careful thought, seems to me. (1.) The Foreign Boards are to raise a jubilee fund and want participation therein by the W. Guild. They suggest that a Home object be set apart for equal appeal. Insomuch as that would not be a truly jubilee fund it might lack the same appeal. (2.) Whereas W. B. of H. Ed. voted that a ten per cent advance be asked of W. G. for year 1918-19, the Executive Com. of Central Com. has voted a 10% advance on each interest. How is our vote interpreted - 10% on total or 10% on each?

If either of these matters should seem to need Board consideration, bring up please what seems to you necessary. This communication to me is as most informal, as you see and therefore I am trying the matters for your personal contemplation rather than for formal Board action. I should be glad for a direct ruling on interpretation of that 10% advance - whether 10% on total gifts, half & half Foreign and local Home, or 10% on each interest involved.

Mail will probably not be forwarded to me but Wed. & Fri., 20th & 22nd, I may be reached at La Salle Hotel, Chicago. I'll try to settle outstanding Board matters while I am there, if possible.

With love,

Yours sincerely,

E. Jessie Ogg

March 18, 1918.

Miss L. Jessie Ogg,
104 South Elliot Pl.,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Miss Ogg,

I would like to take up with you again before deciding finally on it as to whether items 7 or 8 in regard to Westminster Guild publications would be the most effective. I personally feel that it may be necessary to combine these two and to have a new phraseology, something as follows:

> "The Westminster Guild Secretary, in consultation with the Westminster Guild Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, is empowered to decide upon the topic of Home Mission study each year and to decide whether textbooks already published shall be used for the Chapters and Circles. In case special textbooks are needed, the Secretary for Westminster Guild, with the Westminster Guild Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, shall be empowered to secure authors for the same but the publication of above shall rest with the Secretary for Westminster Guild together with the Secretary of Publications."

Of course, the same procedure would be followed on the Foreign side. Please understand that my thought of the above is not that I consider that the ideal method -- I need more information to decidedon that but it is simply that I think the thing should be clarified along some such line. You may recall that I have always thought it wiser to allow matters which refer to one interest only to be cared for by that interest and not to have it mixed up with those who know nothing especially about it; that is: I am still differentiating between "joint literature" and "literature for joint organizations". This same point would refer to IV (c). I do not quite see the point of having the imprint of General Council on literature which only presents one interest.

I was interested in your report of the meeting of Over Sea and Land. I think you will reduce expenses in the course of twelve months quite definitely by using the larger type as the printer, of course, cannot charge as much for setting up less material and I do think that the amount of material could be cut down almost one half if the type is the kind the children would like and the same plate for the cover would undoubtedly make a difference. That seems a little too bad but just now we shall have to meet this as best we can. I am sorry to say that the Board of Home Missions will not pay the office rent on any basis. When the magazine came over from Philadelphia, the Board of Foreign Missions agreed to pay one half the rent on the ground that the magazine was used so largely in Sunday Schools but when the Home Board was asked to do this on the same basis, they declined and I know that it would be utterly useless to take the matter up

Miss E. Jessie Ogg. March 18, 1918.

with them again. I still feel that the magazine does not justify Miss Birdsall's salary especially if the amount of material contained therin is to be cut down and think that we should be considering along this line in the hope of making some new adjustment. I have nothing very clear in my mind but think there should be a way out of this.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

P. S. I have arranged with Mrs. Lee to have copies of the minutes of the Westminster Guild sent to the secretaries of General Council so in the future you will receive them.

M.K.B.

General Council
OF THE
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March 25. 1918.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,-

The expenses for General Council meetings have never been paid for the simple reason that I have not made them out, but here is the statement now, half of which I believe belongs to the Woman's Board of Home Missions.-

To the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for mileage.

Miss Allis - 180 mi.
Mrs. Harris - 360 "
Mrs. Lee - 360 "
900 " - $21.87

Miss Allis - over night meals - 5.25
Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Lee - 3.25
Mrs. Bennett - Rent of room at the "Martha Washington" for meeting on "Heathen Monday" - 10.00

$40.37

I am just about to write a letter to the members of General Council giving the result & the action upon the Council's recommendations by the various Boards. Just now, however I am in the midst of my annual report for "China", and Cubial Committee & Liberty Loan matters take all my spare moments. Mr. Lee is at Social Union Dinner tonight so I am free to use the evening for my work.

I do hope your Treasury is full to overflowing.

Yours very sincerely.
Elizabeth Pack Lee.

(Mrs. John Henry).

Dictated April 2, 1918.

Miss E. Jessie Ogg,
104 S. Elliot Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Ogg,

I have at hand a letter from you dated March 30. I am more sorry than I can say to know that your Aunt is so ill and that you are anxious at home. I did not know that you had sickness in the home. How careless we all are in these busy days of the little personal things! I trust she is very much better but if not and it is not best for you to leave home, I hope you will have no hesitation in giving up the trip to Indiana.

I leave tomorrow morning for the South and find myself embarrassed in helping at all on the W. C. matter without personal conferences with various people. I do feel that it is too bad not to make every possible appeal to the girls and I do think that there should be a joint meeting of Mrs. Schell's committee and of the W. C. committee of our Board. I see the difficulty of having that at the right date owing to Mrs. Waid's absence. If I can be of the slightest assistance, I should be glad to meet with the committee but I think perhaps it is better for me not to do so as I think sometimes it seems to indicate there is a difficult situation to be brought up. I wish you might have the meeting on April 9 but that really is not possible and I am afraid that a special meeting on the 16th would not help matters as we are not to be back from the South by that time.

We must clear these matters up more definitely and with more consideration for the details that are to be carried out at the time when General Council meets or else General Council will become of no effect. It is no use to simply make motions unless we know that it is possible to put them into effect and there has been altogether too much a placing on the minutes an action that seemed to fit the case without sufficient consideration of its relation to other things. I am not laying the blame for this on anyone as I am quite as much to blame as anyone else. Sometimes I wish we could wipe the slate clean and take a fresh start all over again. That would make so many things more simple and I think that in W. C. it is quite within the possibilities that we shall have to wipe much off the slate and formulate a policy that will be more workable. I know this is very unsatisfactory and yet I do not know how I can help without consultation with the various groups.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

Signed but not read.

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 17 N. State St

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Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

In a letter received this morning from the Young People's Secretary of our Board, she asks these questions:

> Does the Standard of Excellence for Young People's Societies go out of existence as far as Christian Endeavor Societies are concerned?
>
> Is the program prepared by Mr. Hall in consultation with General Council the only standard to be presented to the Christian Endeavor Societies, or are we still to present our Standard for Young People and allow them to choose between this and Mr. Hall's program?

I do not think this phase of the question was touched upon at the meeting while I was present, and I, therefore, must turn to you for accurate information upon this point. I know it was said that if a society attained Mr. Hall's standard- they automatically attained ours, but that is as far as my knowledge regarding the matter goes. I shall be glad if I may have an early reply, as we have orders on hand for our Standards, which we are holding.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. F. S. B.) Alice Wood Coy.

I understood either could be used and so wrote.

AWC/K

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
April 4, 1918.

To the Members of General Council.

Dear Friends:

It has seemed difficult to secure final actions upon the General Council recommendations of January 21, 22, and February 6, 1918, by all the Boards, principally no doubt because the meetings of our Boards have been so very crowded with business. However I think I can now give you a complete summary of all Board actions.

1. The Woman's Board of Home Missions -

On February 26th approved all recommendations of General Council with the following exceptions:

(a) "W. G. Recommendation - That Westminster Guild follow the per cent. of increase assigned to all woman's organizations.
"VOTED that this action be laid on the table until the meeting of General Council in June.
"In view of the fact that no uniform per cent. of increase is to be asked by the Woman's Boards,
"VOTED that a ten per cent. increase be asked by all the Boards from the Westminster Guild."

(b) "Over Sea and Land - That the appropriation from the Woman's Boards be increased from $1000 to $1500 a year that being the minimum appropriation necessary for the conduct of the magazine.
"VOTED that this recommendation be not approved."

Comment. The recommendation that a ten per cent. increase be asked from the W. G. has been sent to the six Foreign Boards and approved by some, but full returns have not yet been received.

The Over Sea and Land recommendation falls because half of the votes of General Council are against it.

2. Philadelphia

Approved all recommendations including that of the Woman's Board of Home Missions re W. G. increase.

3. Northwest

Approved all recommendations

4. New York

Approved all recommendations. Requests its title on page 15 be corrected to read Women's Board of Foreign Missions, etc.

5. Southwest

Approved all recommendations, but asked question re gifts from W. G. since the rule adopted for this year leaves the Guild with a per cent. of increase. The recommendation from the Woman's Home Board answers that question.

6. Occidental

Approved all recommendations

7. North Pacific

Approved all recommendations

The meetings of General Council cost $40.37 as follows:

To W.F?M.S. Milleage for Miss Allis, 180, Mrs. Harris (2 trips) 360, and Mrs. Lee (2 trips) 360 miles, making

900 miles	$21.87
Miss Allis, over night, meals, etc.	5.25
Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Lee	3.25
Mrs. Bennett for Room at Martha Washington for meeting on "heatless Monday"	10.00
	$40.37

One half, $20.18 has been paid by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and the other half belongs to Central Committee and the six Woman's Foreign Boards.

As the Young People's Program presented by Rev. Wm. Ralph Hall, after conference with Mrs. Bennett and Miss Hodge, has been approved by General Council and the Women's Boards, Mr. Hall is very anxious to get it before the young people of the church at once. Steps are being taken that the Woman's Boards may do their part in sending these programs out to Presbyterials and other organizations.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs. John Harvey) Elizabeth Park See

Secretary of General Council.

Presbyterian Sabbath-School Missions

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April 22, 1918.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

On several occasions the suggestion has been made to me that the Sunday-school Missionaries should be included in the missionary prayer calendar. Recently one of our prominent ministers raised the question with me as to whether such an arrangement could be made, and urged me to take up the matter with those who prepare the prayer book. Upon making inquiries I have learned that the matter is in your hands, and I am wondering whether it would be possible for this work to be recognized in the same manner in which the work of the Freedmen's Board is recognized, in the preparation of the prayer calendar for the year 1919. I shall deeply appreciate it if you will advise me as to the possibility of doing this.

It seems to our Board, in view of the fact that the churches, Sunday-schools and individuals are contributing so generously to this form of missionary work, having given $237,000 during the year just closed, the work ought to be recognized in the prayer calendar, which covers all forms of missionary effort in which our denomination is engaged. Our Sabbath-school Missionary work is distinctively missionary in its character; certainly just as truly missionary as the work of the Home Board, because it precedes the work of the Home missionary, as well as the Freedmen's Board missionaries. I am quite confident that the representatives of both the Freedmen's Board, and the Home Mission Board, who realize the missionary character of our work, and who appreciate its helpfulness in the work of their respective Boards, would gladly concur in this suggestion.

With sincere personal regards, and hoping to hear from you with reference to this matter at your convenience, I am,

Very sincerely yours, J. M. Somerndike

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April 29, 1918.

Mr. J. M. Somerndike,
Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Mr. Somerndike,

Your letter of April 22 relative to the inclusion of Sunday School missionaries in the Prayer Calendar is at hand. The Year Book is issued by the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, both General and Woman's, and with these the Freedmen's Board is included, it being definitely a Home Mission Board. I could not answer the question whether the proposition to include the workers of the Board of Publications and Sabbath School work would be considered favorably but I will take it to General Council early in June for preliminary action and will write you later in regard to this.

With every good personal wish, believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LH.

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April 30, 1918.

Mrs. M. Kathrine Bennett,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Thank you very much for your kind note of April 29th. I note with interest your statement that the Year Book includes the Freedmen's Board, because it is definitely a home mission enterprise. We feel that the Sabbath-school Missionary work could be similarly classified since its work is entirely carried on within the bounds of our own country, and since its own work is so closely related both to the Freedmen's Board and to the Home Mission Board. I sincerely hope that when you take up the matter with the General Council in June, this point will be emphasized, and that the Council will see its way clear to broaden the scope of the Prayer Calendar to include the faithful Sabbath-school Missionaries who are contributing in such a large way toward the extension of the Kingdom in our own country.

Faithfully yours,

J. M. Somerndike

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General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
April 22, 1918.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Will you please suggest a time for our General Council meeting ? There will be no Central Committee meeting this spring, but the Conference for Out-going and Furloughed Missionaries will be held in New York June 3-12. Do you think it would be advisable to have General Council after General Assembly and before this Conference ?

I have sent reminders to the Boards that questions for General Council docket should be returned to me by May 1st, and that I would let them know the date for the meeting as soon as I heard from you.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. John Harvey) Elizabeth Park Lee
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May 31 -
June 1 -

April 29, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

Your letter of April 22, asking for a date for the meeting of General Council is at hand. Would it be possible to hold it May thirty-first and June first? May thirtieth being a holiday would be impossible and the twenty-eighth is our own Board meeting which makes that date impossible. I think we should allow for two days. We would have to let it run to the thirteenth and fourteenth if it is not possible to have it on the thirty-first and first and personally I would much prefer the earlier date.

Awaiting your reply, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/H.

May 4, 1918.

Miss Margaret A. Hodge,
319 South 41st Street,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Miss Hodge,

It was unfortunate that I did not have with me yesterday Mr. Yarbrough's letter and that I had not read it thoroughly for I find that she says that she will have to be at the General Assembly of their church in Oklahoma on May 17. She suggests a meeting evidently in June and I have written her telling her what I can attend on June 3, 5 or 7 and also telling her that I am writing you asking that you let her know at once if any of these dates would suit your wishes. That would save time. I am sorry that I did not have the letter on hand yesterday as it would have saved a considerable time.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours.

C/M.

Quinlan

May 5, 1916.

Miss Florence E. Quinlan,
716 Warburton Ave.,

Yonkers, N. Y.

My dear Miss Quinlan:-

The following letter from Mrs. L. M. Coy, Chairman of Central Committee explains itself. -

> "I have just learned that the June conference convenes on June seventh and continues until the fourteenth. In view of this fact it would seem most unfortunate to have the meeting of General Committee delegates at the same time, as the Foreign delegates would certainly wish to attend these meetings. I would like to change the date of the General Committee conference to June 1st. Will this be satisfactory to you? If possible will you please send reply by night letter charged to our Board."

Neither Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Hopper nor myself could possibly attend until June fifth. Will you be good enough to reply by return mail, giving your preference in the matter?

Cordially,

H/D

Hyatt

Any date -

B.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City,

May 9, 1918.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Thank you for your letter enclosing the one in regard to the conferences in Florida. Acting on your suggestion, I wrote to Mrs. Winsborough asking if she could give my Committee of Federation suggestions from her Committee of the Council of Women. I have as yet had no letter in reply to that; but on May 7th I received a telegram from her suggesting that we have a joint conference on May 29th. I note that you told her you could give June 3rd, 4th or 5th, I find from the two women on my committee, who are in or near New York that they can meet on the 29th; but I am waiting to consult the others, until I have a letter from Mrs. Winsborough or until I know whether you can come.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret E. Hodge
Executive Secretary.

I expect to reach Columbus the morning of the 18th and to stay at the same hotel with you.

May 6, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

Dear Mrs. Lee,

I am keeping May 31 and June 1 for the meeting of General Council.

A new matter that I am referring to you is covered in the enclosed letter from Mr. Somerndike. I acknowledged this and told him that the matter would be presented to General Council at its next meeting. It seems to me the Boards may want to be thinking of this and perhaps it will be in time for you to get it on the docket.

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LH.
Encl. 1.

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Nov 10 - 1918.

Dear Mrs Bennett:

This seems to me important enough to be decided by General Council - the members' consultation with their Board Secretary for Missionary Education - Standard of Excellence says "Study Class" - The other three forms are not considered Study Classes - They are forms of Missing Study - but not study classes.

Wfrs Gilbertson does not mean the electro-
value of the various pressure [illegible] the same light as do
the Secretaries for W. Ed. of the Foreign Brands - I think -
I've now not - I did not take this to her - We should all
count in the same way -

Sincerely yours

Florence E. Kinnicutt

May 13, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
5135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I suppose that you have received word that Mrs. Cleland N. McAfee is now the representative of the Board of the Northwest on General Council, but fearing that no notice had been sent you of this, I am forwarding the same.

I am afraid that the dates we chose, the thirty-first of May, and the first of June, are not going to be very keenly welcomed as various members seem to want to go away over the holiday and week end. However, I see no other time when this can be held.

The docket has just this moment come to hand but I have not had time to go over it in detail.

Most cordially yours,

MKS/LH.

ay 13, 1918.

Mrs. L. H. Coy,
17 N. State St.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Coy,

I have received word from you that Mrs. Cleland B. McAfee becomes the representative of the Board of the Northwest on General Council. We shall welcome Mrs. McAfee most cordially, knowing as we do her knowledge of the work of the Boards and her keen interest therein but we greatly regret losing you from our midst. I trust that even though we do not see you at General Council, I shall have the privilege of seeing you elsewhere occasionally.

Believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

/ H.

May 13, 1913.

Miss Margaret Hodge,
319 South 41st St.,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Miss Hodge,

Telegram from Mrs. Hinderman asked me if I could meet with the joint committee of the Federation and the Council on May 29 and I wired that I could do so. I have not yet heard whether that is the date decided upon but I hope it is as it is really most important that all of this work should be gotten under way. Various things are being held up for decisions from that committee. I will see you in Columbus and have an opportunity to talk further to you relative to these matters.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MWH/BM.

May 15, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I have received two other matters that it is asked shall be presented to General Council at its meeting in June.

The first one is relative to Junior Life Members under the Occidental Board. These are being pressed by that Board and it is held by the California Home Synodical Society that as all of the Boards had agreed to unite on the lines of work, this is not quite in accordance with the agreement. Doubtless you may have some information along this line but as the situation in California relative to Junior Life Membership seems to be acute, it may be that it is a matter for General Council.

The other matter is presented in the following letter:

"Could you tell me whether the Reading Circle Lecture Course and Program Meeting rank equally with the Study Class in rating the Standard of Excellence? We could not understand about this from the printed slip sent us from the Board."

This was sent to Miss Quinlan and she tells me that she has had other questions along this line. It seems defintely to be a matter for ruling by General Council.

I have just received the following which seems toffit in under VII 1, of the docket for General Council:

"The constituencies of the North Pacific Board and California are strenuously objecting to the plan of sending Mission Study enrollment cards direct from the auxiliaries to the Boards."

I am sorry to say that I have not yet had time to thoroughly study the docket but it looks pretty full and as though we were liable to have two days' sessions. I am leaving for Columbus today.

Cordially yours,

MKB/LEH.

Jan. 5 - 1918.

Dear Mrs Burnett :—

In reply to my letter to Mrs Pinney I received enclosed - as it is addressed officially to General Council pass it on to you - with a copy for Mrs Lee - I'd had copies made for my Blank Committee - also - in case it is put into our hands - I thought you & Mrs Lee should also have copies of parts of Mrs Lavertys letter explaining

Yours
Homer E. Quinlan

June 5, 1918.

Mrs. Wm. F. Waters,
126 Claremont Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

May I congratulate General Council upon having secured you as the Chairman for the coming year? I trust that you are not going to find this a burdensome piece of work. There is not such a great amount of work -- it is only that one is always a little anxious as to whether her decisions shall be absolutely accurate.

I am wondering just how much of the material that I have should go to you. The correspondence is concerning matters that are now completed and it is only necessary that a certain amount of it should be filed. It seems too bad to burden you with it and I am wondering whether the Secretary should hold this or whether it should passed from one Chairman to another or can we agree upon some place where all of the correspondence of retiring officers will be kept? I should be very glad to know your opinion.

I, of course, will have nothing to do with the carrying out of the minutes of the last meetings. There are two or three committees to be appointed but I think that is clearly indicated in these. May I ask that you will be good enough not to name me on any committees for this one year? I do not want to shirk my responsibility in connection with General Council but I have given so much time to that work during the last three years that I feel I must have a little relief from it. I cannot go for a while at the pace I have been going for unless I do stop, I am afraid that I shall have a real set-back as my head is more than exhausted.

I know that you will be sure that if there is anything I can do to help you, I shall be more than glad to do it and I remain, now and always,

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LH.

June 5, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I was extremely sorry to run away from the Council meeting the other day in the abrupt way that I did but if anybody could have known the situation I was having at home with strangers coming into the house and the necessity of moving things from one room to the other in order that rooms might be arranged for the children properly, I think that they would have appreciated that it was one of those emergencies that sometimes come. I have always felt that since I have taken responsibility in the Council, I should not allow domestic affairs to interfere but this was the time when it was impossible to help it. That is why, for me, it is always easier when the meetings are held in places from which I cannot get home at night for then I am away from everything.

The carrying out of the actions of General Council, I believe, will be the responsibility of Mrs. Waters so that I am not appointing any committees such as were recommended. I am wondering just how much of the correspondence that I have should go to Mrs. Waters. It is practically all relative to matters that are now completed and I see no particular reason for asking her to bur en her files therewith but where should this material be filed? Do you understand that I should make it up in a package and turn it over to the secretary for holding or should I put it at my own Board headquarters, labelling "belonging to General Council"? As time goes on, it is going to be rather difficult for the Secretary to be responsible for all the accumulation of mail. What are you planning to do with the mail that is in your hands?

I have enjoyed very much the fellowship of working together with you and am sorry that this direct connection has to be given up. It seems to me that we do not yet reach the ideal situation when both Chairman and Secretary retire the same year. I understand, of course, that owing to the "balance of power" this seems to be necessary but to have both officers drop the work at the same time does seem to me rather difficult. Can you see any way out of it?

Believe me that I am, with every cordial good wish,

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LH.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

June 7. 1918.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Yrs hurried departure from General Council Saturday, we all understood to be entirely necessary- I was only sorry there was not more time to express in a more worthy manner, our appreciation of yrs fine spirit and splendid leadership through these years of organization and rule-making. I am sure you know of my own personal admiration and appreciation of yrs and of my pleasure always in being associated with you- While we may not be General Council officers together again, I am sure we shall find many opportunities for co-operative work.

Yrs speaks of leaving Committee appointments &c to Mrs. Walters- I really feel that that belongs to yrs for orders for Committees came as a part of Council's sessions- My personal feeling would for very little I know, but

may I say that I think you and I would better complete everything that pertains to our last meeting, in so far, as we can, for I do not believe Mrs. Waters is just now in physical condition to do much of anything just now. Her boy has been on the water now for almost two weeks and the strain and anxiety are tell on her very much. It is with no desire to be officious that I suggest this, for I would vastly rather drop things where they are, but I feel that such action would be extremely hard on both Mrs. Waters and Miss Parker.

I would think you might keep your Council papers - such as are necessary - wrapped and labelled, as you suggest, and I will do the same until some one succeeds me as General Council member. I would also think Miss Dunlan's copies of Rules, Minutes &c should go to Miss Parker, her successor on Genl Council.

Theoretically it might be well to have the secretary succeed the Chairman, and so give the work into the hands of one who was already acquainted with it. That was impossible this year, but it might be well to work towards that end. If Mrs. Waid or Mrs. Lindenbough would consent to act as Secretary, that would surely guarantee a good chairman later on. What think you.

I find I am crowding the lower part of this

sheet without yet having said all that I would like to say, but there is one more thing I must ask you before I stop - Will you kindly see that a statement is sent me of the General Council expenses of the Home Board members? I have this morning sent such a request to the Foreign Board members, and hope to get these finances cleared away before giving the work over to our new Secretary -

Let me say again that I am so glad that my term of service came in as a part of yours, and I wish for you the greatest satisfaction and success in all your splendid endeavors -

Yours very sincerely -

(Mrs. John Harvey) - Elizabeth Park Lee.

June 15, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I am very grateful to you that in all the things that you have to do you were enabled to have ready a copy of the Minutes of General Council so that the Woman's Board of Home Missions could act on them on the eleventh. We shall not, unless it is a special meeting, have another one before the twenty-fourth of September and in New York it is almost impossible to get a quorum for a special meeting during the summer months. Miss Alteneder asked me if there were any changes to be suggested to write you concerning them. They are very slight and yet I am sure you would wish me to mention them.

1. On page 1, under "Alternates", I understood that Mrs. Waters voted for two Boards and that Mrs. Pinney voted for two.

2. Miss Sheibley is not the General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions as, until July first when Miss Voss takes the position, we have none. I wonder if this should be "acting for the General Secretary".

3. Page 5. I note here and in other places that reports and motions have constantly contained the phrasing "Woman's Foreign Boards". Even though those are quoted, I wonder if it would not be allowable to make that correct throughout and say "Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions". I note this in five or six places in the Minutes.

4. On page 7, in the first line of the fourth paragraph, under "Report of the Committee on Student Work", should not the word "Student" be inserted between "Field" and "Secretary"? As you are not to keep the Minutes after this year, it seems to me very important to have these things just right in order that the new Secretary, following your example, will be absolutely correct.

5. On page 15, in the next to the last paragraph, the words at the end of the paragraph, "or Boards whose interest is represented", should be omitted as this paragraph refers only to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. In the next paragraph, should there be a "the" before "Central Committee"?

6. At the bottom of page 17, at the very end of the page, instead of "the motion was carried", should it not be that "the motion was carried and referred to the Boards for approval"?

7. On page 22 (1), should that not read "regarding the right of access by other than missionary organization", rather than "to other than"?

Mrs. J. H. Lee. June 15, 1918.

3. On page 23, Mrs. Crane's initials are "A. S." and Mrs. Twitchell's "H. K.".

The Secretary of the Woman's Board will send you, if she has not already done so, a formal communication telling of the approval by the Woman's Board of all the matters that were presented, except that on page 12. It was our understanding that (7) was not passed. You will perhaps recall that Miss Allis and Miss Ogg and the various ones interested felt that it would not be possible to tell a year ahead, how many copies would be needed as the number of chapters varied. We, therefore, ask that this be stricken out.

On page 19, (6), relative to the Year Book, the word "eliminated", it was felt, did not quite cover the understanding of the members of General Council from the Woman's Board of Home Missions and an interpretation was inserted. I speak of this as I do not wish it to be understood that we have in mind to in any way break the spirit of the agreement as we shall have very little relative to the Home base in the Year Book but its absolute elimination was not, I think, agreed upon, simply that it should be very limited in amount. I am sure that the Committee will be able to adjust this but we felt that it was better to have a foot-note now rather than to have any misunderstanding later.

On page 21, when it came to the question of the Annual Meeting of General Council, attention was called to the fact that if the officers of General Council should be changed in January, this change would come in the middle of the working year and the Woman's Board therefore made a suggestion that if the change of the Annual Meeting to January be approved by all the Boards, that the officers of General Council should hold over till the end of the working year, that is, I suppose, to about the end of May. I am not sure that this is the best plan and yet, we did not know what else to suggest just then.

Before your letter of June 7 arrived, I had already written Mrs. Waters, saying that I was leaving all the appointments of committees to her so I think it is best not to suggest any possible change in that now. However, there are almost no committees to appoint -- the only one, I think, is the special committee on Standards of Excellence. There may be others but at present I do not recall them. I am sorry that Mrs. Waters has had this extra work placed upon her at this time. It is a very bad arrangement to have both the officers changed and the suggestion that the Secretary should be elected with the thought of carrying on the work as Chairman, is extremely valuable. I will follow your suggestion and hold all General Council papers for the present, at least.

The members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions had no expenses because of attendance at the meetings of General Council.

Thank you very much indeed for all your pleasant words relative to my relationship to General Council. It has been a pleasant while anxious term of service, as we were ploughing new ground and I was always so fearful of making a mistake but, nevertheless, it has been a period of constructive work and I have enjoyed that. As I said at the meeting, I have felt that we were going through the most difficult time and that I believe that it will be in the future easier work for many because of the difficulties through which we go. My work has been so greatly lightened by having you as Secretary that I am glad my term of service ceases when yours does.

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With every cordial good wish, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-LH.

Additional rules from Tan meeting attached.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
June 29, 1918.

To the Members of General Council.

My dear Friends:

The Minutes of General Council sessions May 31 and June 1, 1918, go to you with this letter. Will you kindly send your Board's vote on all recommendations marked with the , as soon as possible to the new Secretary, Miss Mabel G. Parker, Woman's Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Minutes direct the retiring Secretary to send a number of communications which she will gladly do just as soon as possible.

Mrs. Waters, the new Chairman, has appointed Mrs. D. E. Waid and Mrs. Wm. P. Schell the Committee on Standards.

With best wishes for a good summer,

Yours very sincerely,

Elizabeth Park Lee

(Mrs. John Harvey)

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Madison, New Jersey,
July 3, 1918.

My dear Miss Bennett:-

As you have noted by the minutes of the meetings of General Council May 31 and June1, no secretary was elected to succeed Mrs. Lee and she was asked to serve until her successor was secured. The failure to elect a secretary came about as follows:- After the election of Mrs. Wm. E. Waters of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, New York as chairman, the name of Miss Mabel G. Parker of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was presented as a candidate for secretary. Before the vote was taken, the fact was noted that Miss Parker, who had served as an alternate, did not become a regular member until Miss Quinlun ceased to be a member at the close of the current session. The chairman of the Nominating Committee was therefore "instructed to secure a candidate and send her nomination to the Boards in the usual way."

Miss Quinlun ceased to be a member of General Council at the close of the session on June 1. Miss Parker succeeded her at that time as one of the six regular Home Board members of General Council. Miss Parker is willing to serve as secretary and is believed to be especially qualified for the work. I shall be grateful if you as the General Council member of your Board will have action on this matter taken by your Board or

your ad interim Board authority at your earliest convenience.

Mrs. Lee's letter of June 29th speaks of Miss Parker as the new secretary due I am sure to the fact that at the close of the session on June first there was unanimous informal approval of Miss Parker as secretary. Before she formally assumes the office formal action by the Boards is necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Stella S. Hall
(Mrs. James A. Hall)

Chairman of Nominating Committee.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

126 Claremont Ave., New York
July 8 - 1918.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

First, though I'm sorry to have to do it, may I apologize for my delay in answering your good letter of June 8th. The reason is the usual one of a correspondence difficult to manage without assistance which I am assured I shall have next year. In view of the two chairmanships which have fallen to my lot, I have been readjusting my work and that in itself has necessitated much correspondence and will for a few weeks longer.

I feel it a very great responsibility and honor to follow in your footsteps as Chairman of General Council and, in my own strength, I certainly feel very inadequate. You have done the pioneer work, have blazed the way for us and I can only hope that following in your lead we may not fall behind but may press on to the accomplishment which the times and the cause demand.

I can well understand your desire to be free from General Council committee work this year but I hope we may come to you sometimes for advice and counsel in difficult places. It is as you say, the responsibility of decision which is the most serious part

of this chairmanship, the work in itself, with good comrades, is a pleasure.

I have appointed the Committee on Standards but was not quite sure about a committee being indicated in the case of Program. I consulted with Mrs. Lee, as the wording was not definite. She thinks a committee is to be appointed and I will appoint one as soon as I return from Northfield.

With regard to the case respondence concerning General Council, I think you should not now be burdened with it and that it would be well to have it, — such part as you think important for future reference, in some case that place. We can find a place for it in our office at 156 if that would be agreeable to you. It will be best to take nothing there, however, until Miss Price return from Northfield. She would be sure more about available space than the others in the office.

I have enjoyed so much reading some things you have written this year, so much have seen in the Home Mission Monthly, extracts from your portions of addresses which appealed to me.

With sincere appreciation of your willingness to help me in the new position which has come to me so unexpectedly, I am.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs. H. L.) Alma C. Walker

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
501 WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA

September 11, 1918

My dear Mrs. Jennett,

I was amazed when Mrs. Lee told me you had not received your finished copy of General Council Minutes, for I surely sent you one. Fortunately I made some extra copies for emergencies so send one immediately. Miss Trinkaus's copy → sent to Miss Parker, but am sending one to her also.

Regretfully yours,

Louise E. Alexander

September 12, 1918.

Miss Margaret M. Hodge,
319 South 41st Street,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Miss Hodge,

Since our meeting with Dr. Foulkes, I have been thinking much of the complications which seem about to come upon us and am wondering if we should not have tried in some way to secure a meeting of General Council. If Central Committee on Monday reaches one decision and the Woman's Board on Tuesday reaches another, we shall have come to an impasse for it would be quite impossible to send out two different decisions on such a matter as this. Do you suppose it would be possible for enough of you, after the meeting of Central Committee, to come to New York Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning for a meeting of General Council? Our Board meets at 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon and we could then verify anything that had been done by General Council. I am not writing Mrs. Watters about this as she knows nothing of the matter in hand and it would take so long to explain but am leaving in your hands as Executive Secretary this whole matter. In any case it seems to me it will be absolutely necessary, that before our Board meets on Tuesday, we shall know the exact decision that Central Committee reached on Monday. The difficulty lies in the fact that our Board might not approve this decision and there would then be no means of reaching a compromise.

Owing to sickness in the family I have not been able to see Dr. Marquis and talk with him as to his understanding as to the agreement reached with Dr. Foulkes. You probably have talked with Dr. Halsey of this matter.

Awaiting word from you, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MMB-LH.

September 21, 1918.

Miss M. M. Sheibley,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Miss Sheibley,

I have not had a minute until just now to look over the Summary of Actions by the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions on the Minutes of General Council meeting. You will recall that it takes the vote of two Foreign Boards or of the Board of Home Missions to defeat anything. I think all of these things should be noted with more care than they are in order that there might be no question in the minds of any Board as to what has passed and what has not.

You will note that four Boards, the Philadelphia, the New York, Occidental and North Pacific, accepted all recommendations; therefore, so far as the Foreign Boards are concerned, everything is passed as four have voted affirmatively on the matters and those not approved by the Northwest and the Southwest Boards are of effect and if those Boards wish to have any change made, they will have to bring them up for further discussion. The vote of the Home Board, however, defeats the matter and 7 under "Financing and Distributing Joint Publications" was omitted in the final copy of the Minutes. Personally, I think itshould have been included and then the report indicate that it had been voted down. Too, I should further understand that the foot-note, number 6, on Year Book of Prayer, is accepted. The question under Annual Meeting of General Council will have to go back to General Council as it was only a suggestion.

You probably understand all of this just as well as do I but I know you have not sat withthe body generally and it seems to me important that all of these things should be very clear. It might be well for you to take all of these up with Miss Parker in order that she and you may thoroughly understand each other.

Faithfully yours,

MWB-LH.

Dictated Sept. 21, '18.
September 24, 1918.

Miss Mabel Gordon Parker,
Pomona, New York.

My dear Miss Parker,

I am enclosing to you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Miss Sheibley relative to the actions of General Council. This is more or less of a complicated matter and I think it is important that we are very clear about it. I hope my understanding has been correct; if not, will you take the matter up with Miss Sheibley at once?

We got out the Actions and your note immediately and the Boards have such by this time, I am sure.

I wish you might have been at the meeting of the Board last Tuesday when the question of the New Era Expansion Movement of the Church was taken up and the question of the cooperation of the Woman's Board presented. It was voted in general that the Woman's Board should cooperate in this Movement but no details were planned as our information was too indefinite. I am leaving for Atlantic City early Monday morning to attend a meeting of the New Era Committee and hope to have more information to present to the Board next Tuesday.

I have not the time just now to write concerning the Liberty Loan speech, but I wish you would speak to me about it when we see each other again at the Board rooms as it seems to me it is a matter of great interest to all of us.

With all cordial good wishes, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-LH.

Dictated but not read.

President.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

126 Claremont Ave.,
New York.

September 30th, 1918

Mrs. F. S. Bennett
156 Fifth Ave., N.Y.City

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I am already coming to you for some of the assistance in time of need which you kindly promised me last June.

Miss Parker, the Secretary of General Council, has sent me a copy of a letter written by you to Miss Sheibley which she does not quite understand and about which I wish to ask some questions.

Referring to this letter of September 21st, 7th line of the 2nd paragraph, am I not to understand that the Woman's Board of Home Missions adopts the six recommendations of General Council with regard to Financing and Distributing Joint Publications?

Further, with regard to the closing sentence of the same paragraph, I understand from the June minutes of General Council, page 23, that the motion of Mrs. Pinney having been acted on favorably became a recommendation of General Council on which the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions were to act and that therefore it does not need to be referred back to General Council. Regarding the recommendation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions that officers "hold over" until the end of the working year, am I to interpret this as meaning that officers elected in June 1918 are to hold over until January, 1921?

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours very cordially,

(Mrs. W. E.) Alma O. Waters

Per J.S.

Chairman of General Council

October 9, 1918.

Mrs. W. H. Waters,
126 Claremont Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

In referring to my letter of September 21 to Miss Cheibley, I fear I was not very clear as to just what I meant about the items on "Financing and Distributing Joint Publications." There were originally seven recommendations; the seventh was voted down by the Woman's Board and was therefore, by the Secretary of General Council, omitted from the Minutes. I only meant that it seemed to me that it should have been placed in the final copy of the Minutes and then the Minutes should have said that this was defeated by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. I don't know that it really makes much difference only I thought we should have a record of it.

I understand that the time of the Annual Meeting of General Council has, by vote, been established as January but I understand that if the recommendation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions is carried next January at the Annual Meeting of General Council, the officers elected in June, 1918, will hold office until January, 1920; that is: that there will be no election next January as officers then serving will have been in office but six months.

I trust I have made myself clear in this matter and remain

Faithfully yours,

MKB-LH.

November 8, 1918.

Mrs. Wm. F. Waters,
216 Claremeont Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

In the confusion of the last day or two I have not been able to get off a letter to you in accordance with the agreement reached by Miss Hodge and myself, she, I believe, having conferred with the members of the Executive Committee of Central Committee. Miss Hodge and I feel that the cooperation of the Woman's Boards of Missions should be presented to the woman's organizations through an identical article in our two magazines that it may be certain that there can be no shade of difference in interpretation because of differences in phraseology. We feel it to be most desirable that such an article should be prepared by the Chairman of General Council and I am therefore writing to ask whether you will not prepare an article for the January issue of Woman's Work and the Home Mission Monthly, an article of about 1200 words. We feel it to be desirable that the resolutions that were agreed on should be incorporated and the article should elaborate these resolutions in order that the women should thoroughly understand. Miss Hodge and I will, of course, be more than glad to cooperate in every possible way. The article will have to reach the Home Mission Monthly bythe 15th of November or possibly we could wait until the 18th fortit.

Trusting that it will be possible for you to do this, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

President.

MKB/LH.

WOMEN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
ROOM 818 NEW YORK

December tenth, 1918.

Mrs, F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

You will remember at the meeting of General Council, May thirty-first to June first, it was decided to allow $100.00 for the expenses of the coming year, $50.00 to be paid by the Woman's Board of Home Missions and $50.00 by the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions.

The Women's Boards of Foreign Missions paid $50.00 in August 1918, and I am writing to you as member of General Council for the Woman's of Home Missions to ask that this share may be paid at an early date, if convenient.

The present secretary entered on the duties of her office with a deficit of $15.00 and practically no stationery, she has twice advanced money to pay printer's bills; this last time just when the demands of Christmas were beginning to be felt. I cannot help feeling that, prehaps, the the secretary may be somewhat inconvenienced by her conscientious payment of the printer at this time.

I have been thinking that with only one meeting a year, the ad interim business of General Council may require some consideration at the annual meeting. It seems to me we should have a report from the chairman of the sub-committee representing the Woman's Boards in the New Era Movement. Do you agree with me in this, and if so, will you not consent to make the report? I need not tell you how much interested we should all be in it. It may be necessary too, or expedient, to talk again at that time of some phases of the New Era Movement, or something in connection with it.

Yours most cordially,

(Mrs. W. E.) Alma P. Waters Chairman, General Council

Lee

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

December 12, 1918.

To the Members of General Council:

Miss Ogg has recently called my attention to an omission in the rules governing the Secretary for Westminster Guild. This was a clerical error and I am enclosing herewith a paragraph which should be included in said rules, after the paragraph beginning: "In order that the work of the Guild may be more closely coordinated, etc."

I will appreciate it if you will see that it is incorporated in the proper place.

Sincerely uours,

(Mrs. John Harvey) Elizabeth Park Lee
m B. L.
Secretary.

126 Claremont Avenue, New York
December 12th. 1918.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett: —

I find some errors in the duplicate of a letter sent to you from our office which I wish to correct. The last sentence of the letter should read, — It may be necessary, too, or expedient, to take action at that time on some phase of the New Era movement, or on something in connection with it. In the first sentence, — the dates of the meeting, May 31st. and June 1st.; and, in the last line of second paragraph, — to ask that it's share &c.

I appreciate very much the necessary corrections in the article for the magazines. The N. E. M. moves as rapidly as other events in these historic times.

Yours most cordially,

(Mrs. H. E.) Emma C. Waters

Hodge

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

December 16th, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
% Women's Board Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Miss Hodge, Secretary of General Council, has notified me that there will be a called meeting of General Council in January, probably about the 17th. It is thought desirable at that time to have a report from all Committees. As Chairman of the Nominating Committee and pursuant to paragraph "e" of Section V of the By-Laws of General Council, I am writing at this time to ask you to suggest names for the positions of Secretary of Publications and Secretary of Westminster Guild and eight members for the Committee on Student Work. May I hear from you on or before January 10th that the names may be tabulated for presentation at the called meeting in January, though no action will be taken until the Annual Meeting, date not yet announced.

Very cordially yours,

Helen S. Hebb
(Mrs. James A. Hebb Jr.)
Madison
New Jersey.

December 17, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I have at hand your letter of December twelfth, enclosing the paragraph to be included in the rules governing the Secretary for Westminster Guild and will see that this is incorporated in the proper place.

Thanking you for same, I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LH

Dictated but
not read.

December 17, 1918.

Mrs. W. E. Waters,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

I was much chagrined to receive your letter of December 10, saying that the Woman's Board of Home Missions had not paid its assessment of $50. toward the expenses of General Council. In looking the matter up, I found that a slip had gone into the Treasury which seemed to indicate that there would be further notice before this was to be paid and it had, therefore, been held. I trust that this has gone to Miss Parker by this time.

I trust that when General Council meets we may have an opportunity for a very full discussion of cooperation in relation to the New Era Movement. This has proven the necessity of our having very broad lines of policy marked out so that each specific item of cooperation will not need detailed action. In this particular instance it has not been possible for us to secure such. Miss Hodge and I have had to make decisions as you know, unless the women were to be excluded entirely from recognition at the times of the conferences in various cities. I feel that these general policies and the establishment of a real spirit of understanding and cooperation is much more valuable service on the part of General Council than detailed action as to a particular leaflet or small item. All of this takes up the question suggested by you of ad interim business, which should need discussion.

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LH

Dictated but
not read.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn. N.Y.
December 19, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,—

I have just finished the enclosed docket for General Council and am sending it on immediately so that Miss Hughes can if possible get it out this week, or at least send copies to the distant Boards and to Mrs. Waters. I saw Mrs Waters this morning and she approved my plan for topical arrangement. He would both be glad to have you look it over and make any alteration you see fit. I am distressed about the item from the Board of the Southwest under unfinished business. It is so awkwardly phrased but I do not know whether I should take the liberty of changing it. I would have spoken to Mrs. Waters about it, but when she gave it to me to-day I did not look at it carefully enough to take in its wording. I expect to be home to-morrow morning — will surely be here between 10 and 10.30 — so if you wish to telephone me I'll be here. Bay Ridge 161.

Will you be good enough to ask Miss Hughes

to send me a bill for her subscription to General Council?

Very Sincerely,
Mabel Gordon Parker.

Will Miss Hughes kindly send me an extra copy of the docket?